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Editorial Notes

The Presbyterian Synod of the Philippines was organized in January, at Cebu. It embraces three Presbyteries, having sixteen American ministers, eight Filipino ministers and 8,000 communicants in the churches, of whom about 2,000 were added last year. "This for a ten years' work is far from discouraging."

"Pastoral evangelism" always pays. Its results may not be as spectacular as those of the professional, peripatetic evangelistic, but they are more permanent, more solid, and in the end more abundant. And withal, they are secured without straining pastoral conditions and relations. They leave the churches enjoying them stronger and happier and better equipped for future work.

The church college furnishes the church ministry. Their generous support and maintenance means the life of the Church. The great development of state and secular institutions, with their numerous attractions to our youth, has had much to do with the lessening of the numbers of recruits for the ministry.

It is interesting to learn, as doubtless few have suspected, that the largest number of Young Men's Christian Associations is found, not in Great Britain, where Sir George Williams founded the movement, nor in North America where movements of this kind have been so popular, but in Germany, where there are 1,999 to America's 1,939.

The extent to which the several departments of beneficence shall be pressed upon the attention of the people and the proportion of the total gifts of the Church to be appropriated to each cause, is to be the subject of inquiry by the proposed permanent committee of adjustment recently appointed by the General Assembly at Savannah. It is difficult to avoid conflicting claims in the prosecution of the various enterprises of the Church. Opportunities for increased efficiency are so numerous and the providential calls to new and enlarged tasks are so urgent, that each department of beneficence justly makes its appeal for growing liberality. A permanent committee that shall fairly estimate the just claims of each department of beneficence may render valuable service to the Church, and impart a degree of propor-

tion in our beneficent work that will conduct to both harmony and efficiency.

The constructive habit is the basis of real strength and aggressiveness. It was from it that Calvin derived his power and that his system developed its permanency. He did more than all the Reformers to build up. Most of his contemporaries and immediate predecessors in the reformation period were pulling down the evil structures of Romanism. He did this, but went further, giving a full and substantial and coherent system of faith gathered from the Word of God.

Even a pronounced Unitarian sees that the Church has in many ways forgotten her true end. Said Dr. Julian C. Jaynes, a few evenings ago, to the American Unitarian Association, "The Church is also in danger of transforming itself into a civic forum, a therapeutic hospital, a dispensary of charities, an institution for social betterment. Its legitimate work is not to supply new social furniture, but make men righteously efficient."

"The Interior," commenting on the Tennessee decision as to Cumberland church property and its bearing upon the Publishing house interests at Nashville, expresses the hope that the case may be carried into the United States courts, adding, "that the Tennessee Supreme Court, as now constituted, is hopelessly contaminated with political influences appears to be recognized by impartial men throughout the State." When a court decides against us, no one of us is likely to think its judgment sound.

Many people in the church do nothing simply because nothing is given them to do. The wise pastor will seek carefully to lay before individuals opportunities and openings for activity. The people are usually more ready to accept than the pastors think. This is especially true of young Christians. Give them something to expend their energy upon. They will accept it, and they will be the better for it.

The Presbytery of New York has restored to the ministry by reordination Dr. Harvey G. Furbay, under impressive conditions. He was a Princeton graduate, ordained in 1890 who after some years of useful ministry lost his wife, and in his trouble began to drink; became a drunkard and a tramp; deposed from the ministry. A few years ago in the Jerry McAulay Mission he was brought to reformation and to enter upon a new life. Two or three years ago he was put in charge of the Industrial Christian Alliance, a New York institution for the rescue of such fallen men as he had been himself. He has done a good work, and won the confidence of many Christian men and women, and of the Presbytery quite unanimously. He will continue his work in the behalf of fallen and wandering men, an example to them of repentance and of God's grace.